

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 22, 25, and 26. As a result, claims 8-27 are pending in this application. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims, or claims that are potentially broader in scope, in the current and/or a related patent application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of the allowable subject matter of claims 8-21 and 23-24.

However, the Office rejects claims 22 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,483,439 (Vukosic). In order to maintain a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the Office must show that a single reference discloses each feature of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the Office fails to present such a showing.

For example, with respect to amended claim 22, Applicants respectfully submit that the Office fails, *inter alia*, to show that Vukosic discloses a casing for receiving an electrical device comprising a first indicating apparatus for indicating a first set of different electrical states of an electrical device that is one of: a switching device or a sensor as claimed therein. In support of the rejection, the Office appears to allege that the printed circuit boards of Vukosic disclose the electrical device and the indicating apparatus of claim 22. However, Applicants note that the printed circuit boards of Vukosic fail to disclose a switching device or a sensor as in claim 22. On the contrary,

Applicants submit that the inclusion of a switching device or a sensor in Vukosic would not allow a principle feature of Vukosic, i.e., omnidirectional illumination without requiring optics for projecting and directing the illumination from the lamps (see, e.g., Vukosic, col. 1, line 50-col. 2, line 14). In contrast, the invention of claim 22 provides a casing for receiving an electrical device comprising indicating devices located thereon, which enables incorporation of a switching device or a sensor within the casing.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claim 22 and claim 25, which depends therefrom, as allegedly being anticipated by Vukosic. Further, Applicants submit that claims 23 and 24, which also depend from claim 22, remain allowable.

With respect to claim 26, Applicants submit that the Office fails, *inter alia*, to show that Vukosic discloses a casing for receiving an electrical that includes all the features claimed therein. For example, for reasons that should be clear from the discussion of Vukosic above, Applicants submit that Vukosic fails to disclose the casing of claim 26, including a first indicating apparatus for indicating a set of power states for the electrical device, wherein the electrical device is one of: a switching device or a sensor as claimed therein. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claim 26 and claim 27, which depends therefrom, as allegedly being anticipated by Vukosic.

Applicants submit that each of the pending claims is patentable for one or more additional unique features. To this extent, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the reference used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. These features have not been separately addressed herein for

brevity. However, Applicants reserve the right to present such arguments in a later response should one be necessary and/or in a related patent application, either of which may seek to obtain protection for claims of a potentially broader scope.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all pending rejections of the claims. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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